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SUBJECT:AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS FOR CREDENTIALS CEREMONY

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT FOR AMBASSADOR HECK'S REMARKS AT PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS TO THE KING. IT HAS BEEN CLEARED BY THE AMBASSADOR.
2. QUOTE -- I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOUR MAJESTY THE LETTER OF RECALL OF MY PREDECESSOR, MARQUITA M. MAYTAG, AND THE LETTER OF CREDENCE WITH WHICH MY PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER HAS ACCREDITED ME AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE COURT OF NEPAL.

THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO YOUR MAJESTY HIS WARM PERSONAL GREETINGS AND SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAPPINESS AND WELL-BEING OF YOURSELF, AND YOUR PEOPLE, AND FOR THE CONTINUED PROSPERITY OF YOUR COUNTRY.

YOUR MAJESTY, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY FRIENDSHIP, MUTUAL RESPECT, AND COOPERATION EVER SINCE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED

30 YEARS AGO. I TAKE PRIDE IN RECALLING THE MANY PERSONAL OPPORTUNITIES I HAVE HAD OVER THE YEARS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THESE GOOD RELATIONS. I ESPECIALLY RECALL THE PRIVILEGE IN 1959 OF SETTING UP OUR EMBASSY IN KATHMANDU. I AM NOW DEEPLY HONORED TO RETURN AS AMBASSADOR AND TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVOTE MYSELF ANEW TO THE IMPORTANT MISSION OF FURTHER DEEPENING THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, COOPERATION, AND AMICABLE RELATIONS BETWEEN NEPAL AND THE UNITED STATES.

YOUR MAJESTY, IN THE COURSE OF THE PAST 25 YEARS, I HAVE OBSERVED THE PROGRESS YOU AND YOUR ILLUSTRIOUS FATHER HAVE ACHIEVED IN BRINGING THE BENEFITS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO YOUR PEOPLE WITHOUT SACRIFICING THE RICHNESS OF YOUR DISTINCTIVE CULTURAL HERITAGE AND NATIONAL TRADITIONS. THE UNITED STATES HAS LONG SUPPORTED NEPAL'S INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. WHILE NEPAL'S INTERNATIONAL POSITION HAS BEEN CONSOLIDATED THROUGH ITS ACTIVE ROLE IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH MANY OTHER NATIONS, THE INTERNAL CHALLENGES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, POPULATION CONTROL, AND PRESERVATION OF NEPAL'S BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONMENT REMAIN VAST. PRESIDENT CARTER IS COMMITTED TO INCREASING AMERICAN ASSISTANCE TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD AND IN THIS CONTEXT THE UNITED STATES IS HOPEFUL OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO NEPAL IN SO FAR AS THIS CAN USEFULLY SUPPLEMENT NEPAL'S OWN EXPANDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE WELL BEING OF ITS CITIZENS.

YOUR MAJESTY, THE UNITED STATES RESPECTS NEPAL'S NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN POLICY AND APPRECIATES THE MODERATE AND RATIONAL APPROACH OF NEPAL TOWARD CONTENTIOUS ISSUES WHICH OFTEN ARISE IN INTERNATIONAL DEBATE. WE WELCOME NEPAL'S COMMITMENT TO COOPERATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION IN DEALING WITH THE GREAT ECONOMIC CHALLENGES THAT CONFRONT OUR PLANET. IT IS INEVITABLE THAT NATIONS AS DIFFERENT AS OURS WILL AT TIMES DIFFER ON SOME ISSUES, BUT WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE UNITED STATES AND NEPAL WILL CONTINUE TO CONSIDER MATTERS OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERN IN A FRANK, FRIENDLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER.

YOUR MAJESTY, IT IS WITH BOTH HUMILITY AND A KEEN SENSE OF ANTICIPATION THAT I RETURN TO NEPAL. PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT I WILL DEDICATE MYSELF WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO THE TASK OF FURTHER DEEPENING THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND ENHANCING THE CORDIAL RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN NEPAL AND THE

UNITED STATES. ON A PERSONAL NOTE, ALLOW ME AGAIN TO STRESS MY GREAT PLEASURE IN HAVING THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE

OF REPRESENTING MY COUNTRY IN NEPAL AND OF WORKING WITH YOU
IN SUPPORT OF OUR COMMON GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS. -- END
QUOTE.

3. AMBASSADOR IS CARRYING WITH HIM THE ORIGINALS AND
NECESSARY COPIES OF LETTERS OF RECALL AND CREDENCE. VANCE

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